

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.6742 of 2026

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Devnandan Yadav @ Prince Kumar @ Devan, Son of Upendra Yadav @ Surendra Yadav, Resident of Village - Ambatari, P.S.- Champaran, District- Hazaribagh, State - Jharkhand.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Additional Chief Secretary, Bihar Prohibition and Excise Department, Government of Bihar at Patna.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary Excise Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, Gaya.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Gaya.
5. The Officer Incharge, Wazirganj, District- Gaya.

... .. Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Sudhir Kumar Sinha, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Prabhat Kumar, AC to GA-11

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KUMAR MANISH
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD)

2 01-07-2026 It appears that the petitioner has directly moved this Court in its writ jurisdiction for release of the vehicle in question. It is stated that 310 litres of country made liquor has been recovered from the Mahindra Bolero Pickup of the petitioner which is under seizure and one FIR has been registered which is Annexure 'P/1' to the writ application.

2. Since the petitioner has a statutory remedy under Rule 12A of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Rules, 2021 (as amended up to date), we refrain from entertaining the writ application. It is being disposed of with liberty to the petitioner



to seek his remedy in accordance with law before the competent authority.

3. If an application for release of the vehicle is preferred before the competent authority within a period of 30 days from today, the same will be considered and disposed of by the competent authority within another period of 30 days. While fixing the quantum of penalty, regards shall be paid to the factors enumerated in the Rules itself.

4. This writ application stands disposed of accordingly.

(Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, J)

(Kumar Manish, J)

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